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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN OIL

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN SHOWED AMBASSADOR CABLE FROM SLOCUM OF NATOMAS OIL WHICH IN EFFECT SAID BECAUSE OF PRESENT BUSINESS AND OTHER CONDITIONS IN THE AREA NATOMAS COULD NOT GO AHEAD IN OIL EXPLORATION VENTURE IN JORDAN. SLOCUM FURTHER STATED HE WAS SEEKING A PARTNER AND WOULD WANT TO BE IN TOUCH FURTHER WITH JORDAN.

2. HASSAN WAS OF COURSE DISAPPOINTED AND BELIEVES THAT NATOMAS IS NO LONGER SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN SPITE OF SLOCUM'S STATEMENT. NOT SURE WHAT SLOCUM'S REASONS ARE, ALTHOUGH SLOCUM TALKED ABOUT SEEKING ANOTHER PARTNER TO SHARE COSTS.

3. CROWN PRINCE HAS TALKED TO PRIME MINISTER AND THEY HAVE AGREED THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER WAIT FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS. JORDAN WILL PUT \$3 OR \$4 MILLION IN SEISMIC SURVEY WORK OF ITS OWN. HASSAN EXPECTS TO BE IN TOUCH WITH CONTACTS IN US INVOLVED IN OIL CONSULTING, PROBABLY AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM WILL BE SIEGLER OF SNODGRASS. HE ALSO WILL SEEK IRANIAN ASSISTANCE IN AN EFFORT TO FIND RELIABLE INFORMATION
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ON SEISMIC SURVEY OPERATORS TO CARRY FORWARD THIS

PART OF JORDAN'S INTEREST IN OIL.

4. COMMENT: POST NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED AS THIS IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE US INVESTORS WHO HAS PULLED BACK AT LAST MOMENT OVER PAST NINE MONTHS. GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WHICH DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADD TO THIS FROM ITS OWN CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH WASHINGTON SOURCES SUCH AS O'CONNELL.
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